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Public Notices.

THEATRE ROYAL, DUBLIN.
Mr. HARRIS has much pleasure to announce that he has, in conjunction with Mr. WILLIAM BEALE, made arrangements for a short Series of Italian Operas, commencing on MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 1860, supported by the following eminent Artistes:—
Madame Ortici, Signor Marini,
Signor Angelo Luiza,
Mdlle. Vandel, Signor Graziani,
Mdlle. Orvil Signor Fabbri,
Mdlle. Rottaski, Signor Kinni,
Mdlle. Litty, Signor Ferri,
and
Madame Gassier (her first appearance since her return from America),
Signor Gassier, Prima Buffo Primo Profundo, of her Majesty's Theatre, &c.
Sometimes the Opera.
The Operas will be produced with an immense Band and Chorus, under the direction of
Signor Mignani.
Leader—Mr. Levey.
The repertoire will include "Lucrezia Borgia," "Il Trovatore" "La Norma," "Maria," "La Favorita," "Rigoletto," "Il Don Gio vanni," "Macbeth," and Gluck's beautiful opera, "Orfeo and Euridice which has caused so much sensation in London and Paris during the past season.
Mr. HARRIS begs to announce that this will be the only Italian Opera Engagement of the Season.
The Box-office will be open on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, from 10 o'clock at Half-past Eight o'clock.
Private Box of 2, Guineas; 4 Guineas; 5 Guineas; Dress Circle, Private Box of 5, Guineas; 4 Guineas; 3 Guineas; Dress Circle, 8s; Second Circle, 5s; Pit, 3s; Lower Gallery, 2s; Upper Gallery, 1s.
The Free List entirely suspended, the Press excepted.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.
Last night of Herr NICOLO-DEULIN and his talented Family.
Last appearance of Mr. HARRY WIDDICOMBE,
On the occasion of his
On THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, AUG. 25,
The performances will commence with the celebrated Drama, entitled
OUR NELLY.
Tom College — Mr. G. Vincent.
Augustus Coddleson — Mr. H. Widdicombe.
Miss Nelly Bell — Mrs. H. Webb.
GROTESQUE GYMNASTIC ENTERTAINMENT,
By the Deulin Family.
To be followed by the popular Drama, in one Act, entitled
THE VETERAN AND THE PRESIDENT, FIVE GENERATIONS.
Philip Garbois — Mr. H. Widdicombe.
To be followed by the laughable Farce, entitled
THE DIVIDED HOUSE, OR THE QUIET FAMILY.
Mr. Barnaby Bibbs — Mr. H. Widdicombe.
To conclude with the grand Fairy Romance, with New Scenery, PETER WILKINS, OR THE FLYING INDIANS.
Peter Wilkins — Miss Annie Parker.
John Adams — Mr. H. Widdicombe.
Theodosius Crowquill — Mr. S. Arnold.
Boxes, 2s.; Pit, 1s.; Lower Gal, 6d.; Up. do., 3d. Second Prices.
Nine o'clock—Boxes, 1s.; Pit, 6d. Lower Private Boxes, 2s; Upper ditto, 1s. Second Price at Nine o'clock—Lower Private Boxes, 10s.; Upper ditto, 6s. 8d.

ROTUNDO.—Grand Competition of Athletic Games on MONDAY NEXT, August 27, 1860, given by the Champion Competition Committee for the Benefit of Mr. John Sargent. Manager of these Grounds.
Gentlemen only allowed to compete.
On this occasion most of the Gentlemen, including all the champions who gained such general satisfaction at the Champion Competition, will again compete, and the public can depend on seeing such a trial of skill and strength as is seldom, if ever, witnessed.
Games Open at Half-past Two, to commence punctually precisely, and conclude at Half-past Six o'clock.
A Military Band will attend.
Admission—Reserved Seats, 1s. 6d.; Promenade, 1s.; Back Grounds, 6d.
N.B.—The Grounds will be properly divided, and anyone forcing themselves from the Back Grounds into the Reserved parts will be immediately expelled from the Gardens.
Programme of Competition for Men—Flat Races, 100 yards, 440 yards, Half-mile, 1 mile; 2 Miles Steeple Chase; Hurdle Race of 600 yards; Vaulting with the Hands and Pole, High Leap, Standing Long, and Running Jump. Throwing 56 lbs. weight, Running Hop, Half-mile Flat Race, for Horses, Ponies, &c. Vaulting with the hands. For Lads under 17, 200 yards Flat Race.
Entrance to compete, 2s. 6d. Each Race, &c. other competitions, for which a small entrance fee will be given.
Entries to be made to Mr. J. Lavery, College Hotel, College-street. Entries close on Saturday, August 25th.

SANDYMOUNT CRICKET GROUND.
By the kind permission of the Sandymount Cricket Club, who have granted the use of their ground to Mr. Kirby for this occasion, a grand display of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Pyramids will take place on TUESDAY Evening, August 28, 1860, commencing at Eight o'clock, under the superintendence of Captain Abbott, R.E., assisted by the superintendence of a Committee of Gentlemen.
Entries to be made with Mr. T. Kirby, 80 to Monday evening. By permission of the Military Authorities, the Band of the Rifle Brigade will display of Fireworks, under the superintendence of Mr. T. Kirby, Pyrotechnic Artist, by special appointment to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, on the Lord Lieutenant and Royal Irish Yacht Club Regatta, on Tuesday next, August 28th, 1860, in Kingstown Harbour.

JULLIEN. FESTIVAL.
At the ROTUNDO, DUBLIN, on MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27th, and TUESDAY MORNING and EVENING, AUGUST 28th.
For the Benefit of
MADAME JULLIEN.
Under the Immediate Patronage of his Excellency the LORD LIEUTENANT,
Who has graciously signified his intention of honouring the Concert on the 27th with his presence,
On which occasion the entire Orchestra will consist of the members of the late
Messrs LA TOUCHE and Co.
Committee.
Rev C M Fleury, D.D. — Major Borrowes.
Rev Dr Urwick — Robert Wilson, Esq.
Rev William Jameson — Richard Atkinson, Esq.
Rev Maurice Neligan — Henry Bewley, Esq.
Rev John Hare — Robert Maddock, Esq.
Rev T Butler — William Todd, Esq.
Rev A M Pollock — Bigdon Scott, Esq.
Rev Edward Meredith — Samuel Bewley, Jun., Esq.
Rev Robert Stevens — David Bewley, Esq.
Rev John Hall — C B Trenton, Esq.
Honorary Secretaries.
Rev C. S. STANFORD, D.D.
STAWELL WEBB, Esq.
The Midnight Meetings recently held in London having met with such general concern, and public attention having been drawn to the distressing subject of unhappy Women, a Conference of Clergymen and Gentlemen of our City was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at No. 10, Molesworth-street, with a view to making further inquiry into the state of this unhappy class in Dublin. It was considered that fresh exertions are much needed for the rescue of those blandishments among whose pitiable state, exiled from all social duties, and bound in the chain of their sins, should indeed awaken compassion in the hearts of those whom Providence has placed in safety from partic pation in their guilt.
After prayer and much consideration, the clergymen and gentlemen before referred resolved to commence a course of faithful, loving, and public efforts to rescue and save from lost courses, and to this end a Committee was formed, consisting of the foregoing Members.
The following Resolutions resulted from this Conference:—
First—"That a Society be formed, to be entitled 'THE DUBLIN MISSION TO FRIENDLESS FEMALES.'"
Second—" That a house be forthwith taken in a central part of Dublin, to serve as a place for the temporary reception of Friendless Women who may be willing to acknowledge their evil courses, and submit to religious and moral training, with a view to their being restored to their friends, drafted into existing Institutions, or otherwise provided for; and that a Sub-Committee be appointed to make inquiry once for all carrying out of this resolution, and also to engage a suitable Matron for the Institution."
Third—"That the Sub-Committee before named be also appointed, for the purpose of procuring two or more Agents to distribute Tracts, visit at their own dwellings those who are destitute, and give Christian counsel to the poor friendless creatures who are found at night."
The Committee are most thankful to Almighty God that they have already, since they are enabled to carry out all the foregoing resolution, as to have obtained a house for the "Home" which, in a few days, they trust, will be ready to receive inmates of the class it is intended to benefit, and also to have secured the services of two pious, female and female missionary—who are now ready and willing, with no further delay, in both and hope, to enter upon the serious and important responsibilities of their mission, as described in the 3rd resolution.
The Committee are anxious to have it clearly understood that it is not their desire or their object to apply the machinery of this excellent institution of a purely similar class already existing, and which have already received such abundant acknowledgment and support from the Public, but to supply a want which, from the male and female missionary—who are now ready and willing, with no further delay, in both and hope, to enter upon the serious and important responsibilities of their mission, as described in the 3rd resolution.
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A project like this must, of necessity, involve considerable expense, and the Committee appeal now made for the cooperation and liberality of the public, in the hope that it will freely respond to the call. Surely the happy and the virtuous will not coldly turn aside when asked to help their unfortunate sisters whose state is sad beyond description, whose souls are besieged by dark and evil powers, whose ears are familiar only with harmful words, whose hearts are crushed with the suffering that comes out of sin, and perverted from all pure and tender love, who are yet within our reach, yet amenable to the softening and healing influences of human sympathy and Christian teaching, and who, if we pass not by on the other side, may yet be brought home to Him who offers to repentant publicans and harlots a place in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Subscriptions will be thankfully received by any Member of the Committee; by the Honorary Secretaries; or by the Treasurers, Messrs. DAVID LaTOUCHE and Co., Bank, Castle-street.

DUBLIN PROVIDENCE HOME,
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Patrons—Earls of Leitrim, Rosse, and Portarlington; Right Hon. Lord Bishop of Meath, the Lord Bishop of Kilmore.
Vice-Presidents—The Countess of Kellaston, the Countess of Leazeborough, the Countess of Lisle, the Lady Crichton, the Lady Ashtown, the Lady Catherine Saunderson, the Lady C. Crichton, the Lady Mary Hamilton.
Since the year 1838 the Home has afforded shelter to 4,000 Young Women of good character, from all parts of Ireland. Without any endowment, trusting solely to Christian benevolence, it has been blessed of God to this day. In the token (Rom. viii. 32) of the supply of want and temptation! It has instructed them carefully and usefully while inmates in the institution! It has taught them Scripturally to look up to the true Saviour! And it has placed them in Protestant families to earn honest bread!
The Committee is confident that the Christian public only require to be made aware of the above facts to ensure a hearty support to an Institution which God has so graciously blessed in its efforts to do all that humanly can be done to counteract the deadly and insidious appeal that is now every day at the door of Heavenly Poverty and Demoralisation are twin brothers.
Contributions are earnestly solicited, and will be most thankfully received, by the Rev. C. M. Fleury, D.D., and Mrs. Quain, Honorary Secretaries; by any member of the Committee, by any Clergyman of the Established Church in Dublin; and by the Matron, at the Institution, 37, Charlemont-street, of whom also Collecting Cards kindly provided by Lord Erne) may be obtained.
Collector—Mr. WM. BOSWORTH, 4, Lennox-place Portobello.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS.
DUBLIN AND GLASGOW STEAM PACKET COMPANY.
The Steamships Havelock, Herald, and Vanguard sail to and from Glasgow, as follows:—From Dublin every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, until further notice. Havelock, Monday, 27th, at 5 o'clock Afternoon; Herald, Wednesday, 29th, at 5 o'clock Afternoon.

Sermons.

BETHEL CHURCH, KINGSTOWN.
The ANNUAL SERMONS in aid of its Funds will be Preached (God willing) in BETHEL CHURCH, on SUNDAY NEXT, AUGUST 26th, 1860, after morning and evening service, by the Rev. FREDERICK DOWLING, A.B., Minister.
Morning service at 12; Evening at 7 o'clock.
Christian friends are respectfully requested to bear in mind that the finest for the support of the Church are entirely derived from the Pew rents, the Weekly Collections, and the proceeds of the Annual Appeal.
The contributions of those unable to attend will be thankfully received by the Rev. H. H. T. Westby, Belville, Rochestown-avenue; John Orpin, Esq., Blatherwyke, Kingstown; John North, Esq., Royal Bank, Dublin; and Rev. Frederick Dowling, Bethel House, Kingstown.

Rochestown, Dublin, August 10, 1860.

Education.

INSTITUTION FRANÇAISE POUR LES JEUNES DEMOISELLES, dirigée par Mme DE CRETTES MURRISON, 20 BARCOURT-STREET, DUBLIN. Madame has continued in association with Professors of Modern Languages, Music, &c., &c.
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Information, inspecting terms and hours may be obtained on application to the Misses Lenehan.

DUNDALK ENDOWED GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
The next Session of 1860 will commence on Wednesday, 12th September.
A statement of terms, &c., may be obtained on application to
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Late Scholar and Gold Medallist, and First Senior Moderator in Mathematics and Physics, 1854.
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ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, WOOLWICH.
At the recent Competitive Examination for Admission into the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, commenced on the 26th ultimo, the following gentlemen, pupils of Messrs. Jellett, passed in the first 100, from Mr. S. B. De Burgh's Military Establishment, Harcourt-street, Dublin:—

M'G Copley	8th Place.
T. Fraser	9th "
H M Hayes	19th "
H Hayes	20th "
F B Knox	36th "
M'G W E Murphy	39th "
M'C F Bell	41st "
W H Rathborne	41st "

At the Examination held in January, 1860, the following Gentlemen (the only Candidates direct from Mr. De Burgh's) passed on first trial:—

Mr W J Galway,	
Mr J L Morgan,	
Mr S A Lefroy,	
Mr C Greer.	

Mr. Galway obtained 4,431 Marks, and the Tenth Place). Fifteen among the successful Candidates (from Ireland); and Mr Morgan 4,108 Marks, and the Fourteenth Place. These high marks were obtained without the aid of Classes as a subject of examination, and the Marks for Mathematics alone having 2,562 and 2,110, respectively.
The 43rd Place was obtained by Mr J S Rothwell, who was a Pupil of Mr De Burgh's from September 1st, 1859, until November, 1859.
At the Examination held in January, 1860, Mr. H. Rawlings (the only candidate direct from Mr. De Burgh's) obtained the SECOND PLACE.

DIRECT COMMISSIONS IN THE ARMY.
Since the list of January, 1860, the following gentlemen passed directly from Mr. De Burgh's:—

Mr A. Clarke	.. ..	Marks 5,324
Mr T Fox	.. ..	3,800
Mr Meredyth	.. ..	3,640
Mr Burton	.. ..	3,140
Mr G Lyon	.. ..	2,900
Mr T. Norman	.. ..	2,390
Mr J Mansfield	.. ..	
Mr J Hamilton	.. ..	
Mr T Palmer	.. ..	
Mr T Nugent	.. ..	
Mr W Hayes	.. ..	

Mr. De Burgh's references to the Parents of present and former Pupils include the following:—The Right Hon the Lord Bishop of Meath; the Right Hon Joseph Napier; Van den Anker, Esq., Consul for Holland; Colonel Lake, C.B. Colonel Knox, J.P.; Colonel Morgan, R.A., Swansea.
Mr. D.—Business was resumed on the 19th inst
No. 6, HARCOURT-STREET, Dublin.
July 24th, 1860.

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FLOWER SHOW AT SALT-HILL.—The Autumn Exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society will take place in Salt-hill Gardens, on Thursday afternoon next, commencing at 2 o'clock, when a military band will attend.

AQUATICS.—A grand rowing regatta will take place at Corbally, weather permitting, on Wednesday evening next, August 29th, under the presidency of Colonel Vandeleur, M.P.

Messrs. Howe and Cushing's Circus is to visit the town of Wicklow on Saturday next, September 1st.

The lecture of the Rev. J. B. Smith, of Belfast, last evening, in the Metropolitan Hall, was most numerously attended.

REPRESENTATION OF TRALEE.—The *Tralee Chronicle* of yesterday contains the following paragraph :—"Our Dublin letters bring us intelligence of the probable immediate appointment of Captain O'Connell, M.P., to a Four Law Commissionership." Our own accounts are to the same effect; but the immediate friends of Capt. O'Connell in Tralee deny the report.—*Kerry Evening Post.*

METROPOLITAN HALL.—The inclement state of the weather, which not only interferes with open air amusements, but, we are sorry to say, causes serious apprehensions in the minds of agriculturists for the safety of the cereal crops, prevented the great juvenile temperance fete which was to have taken place in the Rotundo Gardens on Thursday. The committees of management were therefore obliged to obtain the use of the Metropolitan Hall for the occasion; and a more gratifying scene could not have been presented to the friends of the moral and social welfare of the people. The spacious building was crowded in every part by children whose blithe and hearty countenances reflected the innocence of their minds. To spread habits of temperance among the adult classes is, no doubt, a cause worthy of the warmest public support, but it is necessarily a work difficult of accomplishment, and, when accomplished, precarious in its results. The young should therefore be especially impressed with the great advantages which result from temperance, their minds at this period of life offering no obstacle to the reception of sound moral teaching, on account of confirmed vicious habits. The master who accommodates himself to the capacity of his pupils deserves praise, and, if so, we cannot withhold our commendation of the mode of proceeding adopted yesterday to enlist the sympathy of the young in the cause of temperance. The chair was occupied by Alderman Atkinson, surrounded by a large number of influential gentlemen on the platform. The boys of the Hibernian School were present, accompanied by their excellent band, which played at intervals appropriate airs. Mr. B. Revell, the indefatigable Band of Hope missionary, interested his young audience by playing on the accordion, the children singing in chorus giving out well-conceived glees. He moralised in a simple but effective style on the subjects suggested by the songs. Mr. Benson, a coloured man, a convert to temperance, and one of its warmest advocates, also addressed the meeting, and detailed, in a humorous style, his first efforts to drink rum, and the injurious results which he experienced when he had habituated himself to its use. The Rev. J. B. Smith, of London, delivered a very suitable discourse. It was fraught with homely principles, elevated by pious reflections, and supported by familiar quotations from the Holy Bible. At the conclusion of the proceedings the pledge was signed by a large number of the juveniles of both sexes present, and we hope that when they grow up and mingle in the various avocations of life, they will be able to afford their personal testimony to the great advantages which they had derived, both spiritually and temporally, from a steady adherence to habits of abstinence.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CLERGYMAN.—We regret to learn from a correspondent, that the Rev Mr. Hamilton, of Ballisodare, near Sligo, died suddenly on Sabbath last. It appears that he was in the enjoyment of his usual health, proceeding to church on that day; but while engaged in reading the first lesson, he suddenly fell in the reading-desk, and, in the presence of the congregation, "ceased at once to work and live." What a melancholy instance of the fact that "in the midst of life we are in death." It loudly calls upon ministers "to work while it is day." The congregation, amongst whom were Mr. Cooper, of Markree Castle and his family, were deeply affected by the sad instance of the uncertainty of human life.—*Leitrim Gazette.*

CAUTION TO PARENTS.—An inquest was held on Wednesday, before Mr. Martin, at Knockumber, near Navan, on the body of a little girl named Swan, aged four years. It appeared from the evidence of an elder sister, aged between five and six years, that deceased with another sister aged three years, were left alone in the house, their mother being in hospital, and the father having gone away for a short time to procure some necessaries for the family, and closed the door after him, leaving a fire lighted. During the absence of the father the children sat round the fire, and on deceased putting some fuel, her clothes ignited. Finding she was unable to get out, she tried in vain to open the door. She then ran towards a window or aperture in the side wall, the flames still increasing, and screamed for assistance. A neighbouring woman hearing the cries ran to her relief, when, on tearing off the scraps of underclothing that remained, she found the entire surface of the body completely "roasted," as she expressed it. It being inconvenient to Navan, Doctor P. E. Nichols was called on, and on his arrival he did all in his power to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate child, but all to no purpose. She lingered in the most excruciating agony for three or four hours, when she expired. In accordance with the evidence the jury returned a verdict of "Death from accidental burning."—*Westmeath Guardian.*

THE CONVICT HOLDEN.—Communications from the Castle have been received, announcing that the Lord Lieutenant cannot interfere in the case of John Holden. The prisoner will, consequently, be executed on Monday next, according to the sentence passed upon him. The warrant was received a day or two after the termination of the assizes. The prospect of the event has already spread a sense of gloom over the neighbourhood. So seldom is capital punishment inflicted in the county that the occurrence is regarded with peculiar solemnity. Seven years expired on Monday, the 20th instant, since the last execution for the murder of his uncle, Alexander Mullen was hung by cutting her throat with a razor. The condemned man has not seemed to entertain any hope, from the time of receiving sentence, that his life would be spared. Previously he had some expectation that there might be a miscarriage in the administration of the law, but he has since felt that his fate was sealed. He has during the last few weeks given indications of a penitent spirit. It is not true, as we stated in a Dublin newspaper, that the petition of the jury was unanimously signed. One of the jurors declined to affix his name. The following reply was received on Wednesday morning by the foreman; it is the same in substance with other communications received from the Castle :—

"Dublin Castle, August 21, 1860.

"SIR,—I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of a memorial signed by you, for yourself and brother jurors, on behalf of John Holden, a prisoner under sentence of death in the jail of Omagh, and to acquaint you that his Excellency, after a full consideration of all the circumstances of the case, has felt it to be his painful duty to leave the law to take its course.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

"W. A. LARCOM.

"Montgomery Armstrong, Esq., Bannynubber."

—*Tyrone Constitution.*

THE FLAX CROP.—Before very much of the flax has been drawn from the soil, the indefatigable Registrar-General has got out his comprehensive sheet, showing by counties and provinces the acreage occupied by the crop all over Ireland. The assistance which Mr. Donnelly's tables afford is of great benefit to all who are employed in the merchandise or manufacture of this article of Ulster produce; and the expedition with which the information is collected is highly creditable to the police force, as well as to those who subsequently compare and classify the agricultural statistics. The decrease shown by the report now published is not large, considering the disappointment of not a few farmers last season, and the great uncertainty which must always be felt as to the return. In 1859 there were 136,382 acres under flax in Ireland, and this year there are 128,240 acres, leaving a nett decrease of 8,042. A comparison of the provinces shows the customary result in favour of the north, in the single county of Tyrone we have more than ten times as much land occupied with flax as is sown in the whole of Connaught; more than thirteen times as much as in Munster; or more than seventeen times the area taken up by the crop in all the counties of Leinster. The only northern county showing an increase on last year is Antrim, which has at present 8,643 acres yielding flax, compared with 7,637 in 1859. Londonderry has diminished by 560 acres, and Tyrone by 627 acres from the figures of last year. The returns from the six remaining counties present each a larger decrease, Tyrone, as usual, ranks as the first flax-growing county in Ireland, 22,385 acres being this year occupied with the crop.—*Tyrone Constitution.*

HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT.—On Monday last a brave and daring attempt was made by two members of the Lahinch constabulary, to save the life of Miss Walker, of Limerick, who was being borne safe away whilst bathing by the receding tide. Sub-constables Burke and Doyle, when they observed the danger the young lady encountered, rushed into the waves without stripping to her rescue; but in consequence of their exertions being impeded by their clothing, the two men were placed in a perilous position, especially Sub-constable Doyle, who was only saved by the timely approach of a fisherman's boat. The father of this young woman now came up, and, aided by Mr. Coffee, of Newmarket-on-Fergus, who gallantly came to his assistance, he succeeded in snatching his daughter from an untimely and premature death.—*Westmeath Guardian.*

THE ROAD TRAGEDY.—Respecting this fearful affair, little if anything further has transpired. The police still maintain surveillance over the house, the men on duty being changed every eight hours; inquiries are daily being made on fresh points or new suggestions by Superintendents Wolfe and Foley. On Monday, the 23rd inst., Elizabeth Gough, gave Mr. Kent notice to leave, alleging as a reason the uncomfortable position she has recently occupied in the family, she having of late been constantly watched, and none of the family have been placed to sleep in her room. An application has been made by Mr. Kent's solicitor for another inquest, but this has been pronounced to be illegal. A formal application has also been made for a special commission to inquire into the whole circumstances anew, and a neighbouring county court judge has tendered his services as special commissioner. This has also been refused by Government on the ground that such a course was "unusual and impracticable." It is expected that as soon as Mrs. Kent has sufficiently recovered from her confinement she will be voluntarily examined by the magistrates. On Monday last Superintendent Wolfe received a communication from a labouring man in the north of Ireland, professing to have assisted Constance Kent in committing the murder, and stating that he had the missing night-dress in his possession, which he would bring over on receipt of money to enable him to do so. Of course after their late experience so shallow an imposture was readily detected. As showing the necessity there is for a new and fuller inquiry, we may state one or two circumstances which we have ascertained to be correct, and which have, we believe, never been given before the magistrates or the police. The girl, Emily Doel, who came to Mr. Kent's house at ten minutes to seven on the morning of the murder, to assist in the household, went four times into the nurse's room, once with a bath, once with hot and twice with cold water, in the interval between the time when she says she went to Mr. Kent's door the first time and the second. The nurse did not say one word to her about the child being gone, and she did not see her reading or praying. The nurse explains this by saying that if she made confidants of the girls they would not do their work. A man named Job Moon, also, who works at a quarry near, heard Mr. Kent's dog barking very early on the morning of the murder, and remarked to his fellow-workman, "There must be something wrong at Mr. Kent's, the dog barks so."—*London Express.*

MAJORITY OF VISCOUNT CREICHTON.—This young nobleman, eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Erne, will attain his twenty-first year next month, to celebrate which happy event we understand that extensive preparations are in progress at Crom. A large number of the tenantry will be invited to partake of the hospitality of the noble earl, and wish health and longevity to their future landlord. A regular *fete champetre*, on a scale but rarely paralelled in this country, will characterise the occasion.—*Tyrone Constitution.*

SINGULAR QUESTION UNDER THE BUILDING ACT.—At Wandsworth Police Court, Thursday.—Mr. Henry Broughton, of Mendis Wharf, Battersea, the works of the Asphalte Company, was summoned before Mr. Ingham by Mr. Henry Taylor, district surveyor, for covering a certain building upon his premises with asphalte, instead of slates, tiles, metals, or other incombustible materials, contrary to the rules of the act. The question in dispute was of considerable importance to the company, as Mr. Taylor considered the asphalte was combustible and not the proper material for the roofs of buildings. A gentleman present said he had been in the business a number of years, and could state that asphalte was incombustible. He denied that Mr. Taylor was a practical man in the case of asphalte, and therefore was unable to give an opinion. Asphalte was now used for covering the roofs of gunpowder magazines at the Tower of London, and other public buildings. He then instanced a case of his own premises being stopped, and in fact the roof extinguished the fire. A piece of asphalte was produced, and his Worship thought it would be desirable to try whether it was combustible or not.—The gentleman said he had no objection to the experiment being made, and all the parties, with the magistrate, proceeded to the reserve room of the station, where there was a fire in the grate. The fire having been poked, Mr. Ingham thrust the piece of asphalte into the burning coals, when it immediately ignited, and, to use the words of a constable who was present, "it was like a candle. Upon the asphalte being taken out of the fire the flames instantly went out." The gentleman interested contended that on a roof the asphalte would burn to the asphalte covering, and would go no further.—Mr. Taylor was, however, unable to make out his case, in consequence of his not being able to prove the service of a notice.—On the part of the defendants they were ready to waive that informality, and to have his worship's decision upon the merits of the case.—Mr. Ingham said that, with the experiments just made, he should rather decline to say whether asphalte was combustible or incombustible within the meaning of the act, and he, therefore, should dismiss the summons on the grounds of the informality in the proof of the notice.—Mr. Taylor said he should serve them with another notice.—*Evening Standard.*

THE MURDER AT STEPNEY.—No progress appears to have been made in detecting the murderer. Mr. Faith and Mr. Whittaker, who each married a stepdaughter of the murdered woman, have expressed their intention to offer a reward between them of £200. In all probability the whole of the property belonging to the deceased will revert to the Crown for want of kindred, and assuming she has died intestate.

CAUTION TO PUBLICANS RESUMING TO BILLET SOLDIERS.—Mr. Joseph How, the landlord of the White Bear Tavern, Long-walk, Bermondsey, was summoned by the police for unlawfully refusing to receive and afford proper accommodation to two soldiers, legally billetted on him.—Sergeant Wise, 12 M, said that on Tuesday night, the 17th inst., a little before twelve o'clock, he went to the defendant's house with two private soldiers of the 84th Regiment, with billets. The defendant's house was closed, but he roused him up, and told him his errand, and pointed out the two soldiers who required to be accommodated. The defendant who put his head out of the window, said it was past 12 o'clock, and that he should not open his house for anybody. Witness told him again that the soldiers were billetted on him, and the law required him to admit them and afford them accommodation, but he refused, and he (Sergeant Wise) was compelled to take them to another house, the landlord of which at once admitted them.—The Magistrate asked where the soldiers came from?—Sergeant Wise replied that they came up from Liverpool with a deserter, and they were extremely tired.—The defendant, in answer to the charge, said that he closed his house every night at eleven o'clock, and when the sergeant came with the soldiers all his family and servants were in bed. He was roused out of his sleep after twelve, and he certainly did think that he was not compelled to wake up all his family to afford accommodation for the soldiers when there were other houses near the railway open.—The Magistrate told him he had mistaken the law on that point. However, he must pay the cost of the summons, and henceforth comply with the act of parliament.

Correspondence.

PARTY EMBLEMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Permit me to ask, through the columns of your influential paper, whether, under the "Party Emblems Act," an honest-hearted Protestant might suffer, if he were bold enough to have a few "Orange Lilies" growing in his garden at the rear of his house, presuming that such rear-ground was in danger of being overlooked by Roman Catholic neighbours?

Might a constable be *directed* boldly to enter, and pluck from the ground those flowers, beautiful as such, still retaining the very colours imprinted by the Great Maker's hand, but now, no doubt, *offensive* to parties who will not scruple to indulge in pianoforte-playing, dancing, and singing on the Sabbath day?—I am, sir, yours,

A CONSTANT READER.

23rd August, 1860.

POLICE ABETTORS OF PROFANE SCOFFING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Dalkey, 23rd August, 1860.

SIR,—Having in vain watched the Kingstown police reports to learn the results of the following occurrence, and not finding any mention made of it, I am induced to trouble you with this letter.

It has been, as you may be aware, for some time past, customary to have divine service on Sunday afternoon, and on last Sunday Kingstown Harbour, on board the City of Dublin Steam Company's packet the Eblana, moored alongside the shed on the new pany's packet the Eblana, moored alongside the shed on the new quay, a number of the congregation being on shore.

The prayers were over, and the concluding hymn had been given out, when a respectably-dressed man, standing under the shed not more than four or five yards from the officiating minister joined the singing in a stentorian voice; but instead of using either the words or tune of the hymn, lilted it up a song, "Down by the river side." When remonstrated with by several of the persons who which actuated him, he evidently showed the animus by saying, that there were plenty of churches in Kingstown for people to go to, and that he had as much right to sing there as any one else. A policeman standing by was next applied to, and requested to remove him, but he refused to interfere. The gentleman who made the application now said he would take the policeman's number, and bring the matter before the authorities, but I have not since heard anything of the matter.

As I consider the foregoing outrage on decency, and the refusal of the police to interfere, should not be kept concealed, I now mention it. Perhaps, however, I am wrong, and that under the new "Party Emblems Bill" it was the privilege of the congregation in a way likely to give offence to the loud-voiced songster, and that he was quite justified in singing the words of a profane song with the praises of the Almighty.

Still, it would be well to know if such be the case, and if such interruption be legal or not. At all events, the police of Kingstown should prevent either the worship of God in such places or prevent its interruption.—I remain, &c.,

A PROTESTANT.

ECCLESIASTICAL (IRELAND) BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The debate in the House of Commons, on the 22nd instant, on the Ecclesiastical (Ireland) Bill, in reference to the salaries of the clerks of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, exemplifies the mode in which the officials (who do the business) in this country are paid, and shows the difference between the two countries in England, it was stated the Ecclesiastical Commissioners' clerks' salaries were too large; in Ireland, too small. Observe the fact: The English clerks, from £350 to £500 per year; whereas the same clerks in Ireland are paid only £120. The fact is, it is the study of nearly all persons in authority in Ireland to pay clerks who do the work low salaries, in order the better to increase their own.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Cardwell's undertaking "that the commissioners would reconsider the salaries" will be attended to.

I am in no way interested in the question, save as an observer of how matters are conducted, I may say in all departments, in this country.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, FAIR PLAY.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE PORTOBELLO GARDENS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

19, Lower Ormond Quay,

24th August, 1860.

SIR,—The melancholy catastrophe which took place at the Portobello Gardens last night must surely call forth the sympathy of the public on behalf of the families of the unfortunate sufferers.

Both men, thus cut off in an instant, leave behind them families unprovided for. John Cunningham I have known for many years, and his character has ever been that of an honest, industrious man. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his untimely end. His fellow-sufferer, John Neill, has been for many years connected with the gardens, and leaves three children, two of them under twelve years of age.

I feel convinced that it is only necessary to lay these facts before the citizens of Dublin, who never fail to stretch out the helping hand to the widow and the fatherless, to ensure a generous response to the call.

I have this day started a subscription for the purpose, in the Queen's Theatre, where poor Cunningham worked as carpenter about ten years. The appeal has been responded to, and the list liberally headed by both the proprietor and lessee. I shall acknowledge the full amount when the list is completed.

I shall be most happy to receive and acknowledge subscriptions for so benevolent an object, and am sure you will forward my views, and give publicity to this appeal.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

J. CLEGHORN FOSTER.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

24th August, 1860.

SIR,—I was very glad to see the letter to the Editor of the *Globe*, upon the Civil Service Examinations, which you published in the IRISH TIMES of Wednesday, and hope that if the able advocacy of the press be brought to bear upon the subject, the commissioners will see fit to change the present mode of conducting the examinations which he alludes to, the injustice of which is felt by very many who have competed.

As he states, A is rejected because he happens to compete with B, who is better up in the business (which is all right; but in a week or two afterwards C gets the same appointment as he was seeking for, because he happens to be the best of his set, though his marks were much lower than those on which A was rejected. Would it not be better that all who attained to certain marks would be counted as passed, and get their appointments as vacancies occurred. The number of the passed could always be kept within bounds by making the standard of proficiency high enough, and then none could complain of the injustice done him, when seeing another get the appointment that he spent so much time and money preparing for, upon much lower marks than he got when he was rejected.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. D.

THE LAMENTABLE ACCIDENT IN THE PORTOBELLO GARDENS.

Dr. Kirwan, city coroner, held an inquest yesterday, in the Meath Hospital, on the bodies of John Cunningham and Patrick O'Neill, who unfortunately lost their lives the previous night in the Portobello Gardens. The particulars of this melancholy affair, so far as we were enabled to collect them, appeared in our publication of yesterday morning.

Mr. C. Fitzgerald watched the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Thomas Kirby.

Mr. Thomas Kirby was the first witness examined. He stated that he resided in Sackville-street, and was the present proprietor of the Portobello Gardens; the deceased men were in his employment; Mr. Blondin had been engaged by him to perform acrobatic feats; he was in the act of doing so the previous night in the Gardens, and when he had advanced to about the centre of the suspension rope, the witness observed him to swerve slightly, as also the rope; immediately after he heard a crash, and on turning round saw the scaffolding lying on the ground within about a yard of him; the two men Cunningham and O'Neill, were also stretched on the ground; had them immediately conveyed on a car to the hospital; O'Neill was in his employment about eighteen months, and Cunningham six months; he ascribed the accident to the breaking of the rope, which brought down the scaffolding on which the men were standing; they were about 50 feet from the ground; they were perfectly sober when they ascended it; the scaffolding was safe in his opinion, perfect; M. Blondin supplied his own rope.

To Mr. Fitzgerald—The rope was erected under the superintendence of Mr. Daniel Morell, M. Blondin's agent; I was only to supply the labouring men requisite for putting it up; the rope was sent from Manchester by M. Blondin.

[The portions of the rope which broke were here produced. It appeared to be about two inches in diameter, and five inches in circumference.]

Mr. Kirby, in reply to further queries, replied that he believed the rope, if properly made, to be well capable of supporting a man; he never had such a performance before in the Gardens, nor never would again.

Albert Blondin was next examined.—He stated he was an American; he had lately been in England; his avocation was that of a rope-walker and rope-dancer; described the accident to the breaking of the rope on which he was walking; he did not examine it since last Tuesday fortnight, when he performed on it, but, of course, thought it perfectly safe.

To Mr. Fitzgerald—I engaged with Mr. Kirby to send the rope, and he was to send labourers to erect it; Mr. Morell was the agent, employed by me specially, to superintend the erection of the rope.

To a Juror—The rope was dry; it was strained before being erected to test it; I examined it before I performed, but I did not go on it; a rope never broke with me before; I ascended much slenderer ropes than the one which caused the accident.

To Mr. Fitzgerald—I do not exactly know what caused the rope to break; probably the wet weather of the last few days may have had influence on it.

Constables Bell (A 154) and John Muldoon (A 95), who were on duty in the Gardens, and witnessed the occurrence, were examined, but no fact of a new character was disclosed by them; they promptly attended to the deceased, and accompanied them to the hospital.

Mr. John E. Keegan, resident pupil, deposed that he examined the deceased when they were brought into the hospital; he found they were quite dead; the spinal column of Cunningham was fractured; he had no external injuries of any moment; O'Neill's arms were broken; there was also comminuted fracture of the right clavicle; the maxillary bone was broken; the immediate cause of death was the shock his system had received.

This closed the evidence.

Dr. Kirwan, addressing the jury, said, that in his opinion, not the slightest blame was to be attributed to Mr. Kirby. He could not, however, say the same of the manufacturer in Manchester who supplied the rope. If he were before them he would have felt it his duty to direct them to find against him a verdict of manslaughter. The scaffolding, in his opinion, answered the purpose, and the only persons blameable in the transaction were the superintendent and the manufacturer of the rope. He could not allow this opportunity to pass without publicly expressing his condemnation of the feats as M. Blondin was engaged in. It was not long since a celebrated acrobat lost his life while performing in the Rotundo, and it was to be deplored that the morbid taste of the public encouraged such exhibitions. He hoped that M. Blondin would take warning by his providential escape, and discontinue pursuing an avocation so dangerous not only to his own life, but to the lives of others.

The jury, after considerable deliberation, returned a verdict to the effect, that the accident was occasioned by undue pressure being placed on the rope, which broke; they attached considerable blame to M. Blondin, and his agent, in not using more diligence in testing the soundness of the rope, and deprecated exhibitions of a similar character as unamusing and highly dangerous.

Irish Railway Returns.

MADE UP TO THE RESPECTIVE DATES AS UNDER.

Name of Railway.	Gross Receipt. 1860. £	Gross Receipt. 1859. £	Increase. £	Decrease. £
Ballymena and Portrush, Aug 18	409	14	2	431 16 3
Belfast and Northern Counties, Aug 18	1290	11	4	933 16 1
Belfast and County Down, Aug 18	323	8	0	333 16 1
Cork and Bandon, Aug 18	412	1	10	342 11 1
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage, Aug 18	1748	2	0	1748 2 0
Dublin and Belfast Junction, Aug 19	2092	19	0	2634 12 0
Dublin and Drogheda, Aug 19	2810	5	0	2634 12 0
Dublin and Wicklow, Aug 19	1711	3	0	1460 2 0
Dundalk, Newry, & Londonderry, Aug 19	1711	3	0	1460 2 0
Great Southern & Western, Aug 19	357	16	0	259 18 1
Irish South Eastern, Aug 18	161	19	0	261 0 0
Limerick and Kenmare, Aug 18	4012	14	0	4486 19 2
Limerick and Foynes, Aug 18	1737	3	0	441 0 0
Midland Great Western, Aug 18	1300	18	2	1292 19 0
Ulster, Aug 18	178	0	0	178 0 0
Waterford and Limerick, Aug 18	1300	18	2	1292 19 0
Waterford and Kilkenny, Aug 18	178	0	0	178 0 0

The above includes the receipts of the Kilkenny Junction and the Tralee and Killarney lines, now amalgamated with this line, which are not included in the receipts for the corresponding week of last year (296 miles open).

ENGLISH AND SCOTCH RETURNS.

	1860.	
Great Northern	7373	7369
Great Western	27116	26290
Lancashire and Yorkshire	24182	23260
London and North Western	44952	39199
London and Brighton	7750	19947
London and South Western	12198	11819
Midland	24170	24260
North Eastern	4759	4184
South Eastern	7493	7166
West Hartlepool	735	7166
West Midland	10565	4001
Dundee and Arbroath	4006	7709
Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee	8621	
Glasgow and South Western		

Foreign Intelligence.

FRANCE.

(FROM THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE GLOBE.)

PARIS, WEDNESDAY EVENING.—The Paris papers have strange delusion that it embodies public feeling in England, its drift being to fling a wet blanket on Garibaldi's presumptuous and extravagant" idea of Austrian riddance and ejectment from Italy, an exploit the *Times* considers Utopian or Quixotic, inasmuch as France paused in terror before the Quadrilateral. The latter assertion is scouted here; the French quailed no more at sight of those fortresses than the Zouaves before Malakoff.

Verona and Mantua were but ill-provisioned, and could only hold out to afford time for the fleet and land forces to perform their allotted work, and raise the whole territory in the rear of this Quadrilateral, while a Hungarian outbreak was positively arranged as a further diversion. Nothing is changed since then, save some additional biscuit in the magazines, and a corresponding vacuum in the Vienna treasury.

When England had just supplied Austria with three millions sterling, and that Power had accordingly mustered against France 320,000 men, with 200,000 Russians to aid them, Bonaparte, on the 1st October, 1805, left Boulogne, crossed the Rhine with only 60,000 soldiers, routed and dispersed the whole aggregate of Austrian and Ulm, Elchingen, and Austerlitz, broke the heart of Pitt, and baffled the wisdom of Europe. It is pluck, energy, and "a cause" that do these things. The finding of an English gold "noble" of King Henry V., at Havre, has reminded folks here that if in 1228 the Plantagenets reigned at Paris, and over three-fourths of France, with an overpowering army of occupation—a few years saw the whole machinery of dominion shattered by the onslaught of a peasant girl at the head of a force utterly inadequate, according to all the book of a force utterly inadequate, according to all the book of war, for any such wild, rash, and mad achievement.

Tpsplitz is the bugbear of the hour. It appears to have frightened the calm sagacity of Cavour, but accounts from Turin describe the King of North Italy as quite ready to exile his throne on the result of a struggle for the integrity of the Italian nation. In spite of fact, Victor Emmanuel is in the position of his father, Carlo Alberto, who was actually carried away by the torrent of public opinion into Lombardy, and up to the trenches before Peschiera, having no alternative for keeping a sceptre save adoption of a sword, *La spada d'Italia*. The auspices in 1860 are far more favourable than in 1848, as a re-conquest of any territory or even influence south of the Po is the wildest of dreams in the actual bankrupt position of Vienna.

Cardinal Prince of Schwartzenberg has given great offence at Rome by his refusal to invest a single Borin in the Antonelli loan, which has had in Austria its principal supporters in Cardinal Rauch, Archbishop of Vienna, and some other prelatic contributors, the latter being indisposed or penniless for the purpose. It is unnecessary to inform you that the Roman aristocracy are not greenhorns in any department of roguery or fraud, and when a telegram lately was sent all over Europe about the peasantry at Monte Porzio turning Socialists, adopting an agrarian scheme for partition of the Borghese estates, and so forth, you of course understood the drift of such as alarming *canard*. Nothing of the sort occurred. The plainest account of the affair is now forthcoming, and it amounts simply to the fact that the population of that village, being more than augmented of late, and much stinted for ground to grow food, had applied repeatedly to Prince Borghese (now in Paris as absentee) for the use of some soil kept fallow by him; distinct promises of land had been given by the agents; and the archpriest (*arciprete*) of the parish had taken on himself to advise his flock to act on them in the Prince's absence, rent being of course understood: this is what the telegram called confiscation. The farms round Monte Porzio were once the fee of Marcus Porcius Cato, who tilled them himself; if the Borgheses now hold a tract of 90 square miles in addition, it is merely a flagrant record of Paul the Fifth's nepotism; even the public garden or park outside the Flaminian gate, which they have managed to appropriate, was once the Cenci estate, confiscated on the murder of Beatrice, and by right vested in the citizens of Rome, Borghese being simply ranger of that park for the people.

The investigation held at Cattaro on the assassin of Vladika Danielo results in the disclosure that the cutthroat Kaditch was a professional killer, whom Danielo, his victim, had hired to murder an obnoxious relative at Constantinople, and, not having paid him adequately for the job, suffered, if not in pocket, in person. A Russian pretender is still spoken of.

According to *L'Indépendance Belge*, the French Emperor has made overtures to Lamoricière for the transfer of his Irish stock on hand to Algeria, where land is in want of labour; and since they are worse than useless in the ranks, they may be turned to some account as colonists; but as the *braves Belges* are employed to wallop their refractory co-recruits, this report may be a bit of Belgic jealousy.

We have here this week, clouded in a halo of apocalyptic nebulosity, Dr. Cumming, of Crown-court, Drury-lane, his holdings forth at the Oratoire attract the curious, such vaticinations being a novelty in Paris. He is announced to-morrow for a "prophetic view of British futurity," which is likely to astonish the natives; emptying vials of wrath, and drying up the Euphrates, will no doubt introduce a reference to Syrian politics. The uninitiated Parisians look on the worthy doctor as a sort of Caledonian Nostrada mus, or a *réfugié*, but of rather dubious fidelity.

A correspondent, writing from Paris, August 22, informs us :—

A Council of Ministers, the last that will be held for a month, was held to-day at the Palace of St. Cloud, and was followed by a meeting of the Privy Council, at which to-morrow morning the Emperor and Empress start for their trip to Nice and Algeria.

It is almost impossible to say whether the Emperor means to send an army to Italy in the event of war breaking out afresh between Austria and Piedmont, but preparations are making, which shows our "gallant ally" intends being in readiness to do so if he thinks fit. The order has been sent to the garrisons forming the military *cordon* which stretches from the camp at Helfaut to the north to Besançon in the south, to mobilise 100,000 men—that is to say, a *corps d'armee* of that magnitude is to be formed. The troops, instead of being subject to the *commandants des places*, are to be formed into brigades and divisions, and provided with their camping material and artillery, so as to be ready to move at a short notice. This does not render any movement of troops necessary—a very slight change in the organisation is all that is required. Instead of forming part of a garrison, certain regiments are set down as belonging to a *corps d'armee*—and everything is in readiness until the marching order arrives. The *corps d'armee* thus formed is to be under the supreme command of Marshal Canrobert.

Mr. Lindsay, who from his familiarity with maritime affairs ought to know better, appears to attach importance to the statements of M. Cadwal Clarigny's pamphlet, "*Les Budgets de la France et de l'Angleterre*," which makes out that whilst the naval armaments of France are utterly insignificant, those of England are so formidable as to be liable to be construed into a menace to France. I have already exposed the Clarigny statements and the positive misstatements by which the writer bears out this extraordinary view of the case, but I would not have returned to the subject but for Mr. Lindsay's inconsiderate remarks on the subject. On the one hand, and on the other the fact of having met with an honest French opinion on a review of M. Clarigny's pamphlet, and arrives at the conclusion that the result of that heavy affair can only be to excite animosity in France against England, and in England against France. M. Peyrat thinks that the Anglo-French alliance is in a sad plight, indeed, if it cannot be established without the two nations constantly watching with a jealous eye any attempt of the one to increase her influence at the expense of the other, and further, that jealousy and distrust are not likely to abate if public opinion has only such guides to look up to as M. Clarigny and his pamphlet.

The *Nord* repeats its account of the arrangements made at Toeplitz between Prussia and Austria, notwithstanding the contradiction of the Prussian *Gazette*, and adds that the Prince Regent fully recognised at the interview that the possession of Venetia by Austria was essential for the security of the Confederation.

The *Nord* and *Patrie* officially contradict evening both the *Pays* and *Patrie* officially contradict the statement of the *Nord*. This contradiction, like that of the Prussian *Gazette*, is mere matter of course, and in no way affects the truth of the first statement of the *Nord*—to wit, that if France attacks Austria in the Quadrilateral, Prussia, and consequently the whole of Germany, will join her against the aggressor. It is quite clear that the Prussian Government to which not to precipitate matters, and keep on good terms with all the world as long as possible, and it is equally natural for France to wish to keep up a belief that the two great German Powers have not come to an understanding. As for the additional information which the *Nord* tags to the original statement, it is too palpably absurd to require serious refutation. At Naples the utmost disorganisation and consternation prevail. The Government, however, was continuing its defensive preparations, but it was strongly questioned whether the Neapolitan troops would fight. The foreign regiments (about 4,000 men) are all that the Court party can rely on.

According to the *Semaphore*, a Marseilles paper, owing to the immense incumbrance of troops and material at Toulon, a squadron of hussars had been compelled to proceed by land to Marseilles and embark there. Such an occurrence is, I believe, quite unprecedented.

The *Debats*, in alluding to the note said to have been sent by Austria to the Piedmontese Cabinet, makes the following remarks, which I believe accurately describe what has taken place :—

"There certainly has not been any menacing note in the sense that diplomatists understand by the word *note*, or that ordinary language gives to the word *menacing*. But by dint of contradicting each other the Austrian and Piedmontese journals have at length agreed in owning that there is something; either that M. Brassier de St. Simon has expressed to Count Cavour, in the name of Austria, the hope that the Piedmontese Cabinet would remain faithful to the treaty of Zurich, or that Austria has declared that she no longer considered herself bound by those stipulations. The means of attack and defence which the Emperor of Austria is accumulating behind the Mincio are the most unmistakable of notes in case the Emperor of Austria should feel himself threatened in Venetia; and even should Austrian diplomacy maintain the most absolute silence, it still might be said in this case that silence cried aloud."

Paris letter in the *Nord* says :—

"It is stated that M. Manna is much more pleased with the reception given him by the Emperor of the French than with that of Lord J. Russell. From what he has stated to the Cabinets of Paris and London it would appear that the situation of the Neapolitan Government is much less desperate than is generally imagined, and that the national guard and the army are quite disposed to resist the projected aggression of Garibaldi. Without questioning the exactness of what M. Manna says, I may remark that recent events present the feeling of the national guard and army as very different from what he imagined."

The protocols relative to the intervention in Syria have been converted into a convention; the document was signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A report, the truth of which I have no means of ascertaining, prevails, that neither the English nor the Turkish Ambassadors signed it. It appears highly improbable, as, after agreeing to the last protocol, the convention is a mere formality.

As I close my letter the news is brought me that it is highly probable that the Emperor will not go to Algeria, but return to Paris after his excursion to Nice and Savoy.

Rentes fell 15 centimes. Weather rather better.

RUSSIA.

Russian finance seems to be in a strange condition, if we may judge from some recent confessions. Within the last two months the Emperor has more than once complimented the intendants of the State domains on the zeal and success with which they have collected the pessantry taxes of their year, "above and beyond the yearly assessment." The *Bell*, edited by M. Herzen in London, lately demanded an explanation of this singular excess of zeal on the part of the tax-gatherers. Accordingly, the last Imperial expression of thanks to the intendant of the province Samara (published July 31st, ult.), supplies an amended version of the former compliment. It now appears that the intendants had anticipated ten per cent. of the assessment of next year, so that, as the *Bell* remarks, they ought only to collect next year 90 per cent. of the taxes; and at this rate the Government five years hence will have no right to collect a farthing. In short, the Russian Government is already living on its capital.

PRUSSIA.

A correspondent, writing from Berlin, August 21, says :—

The diplomatic inventions of *Le Nord* are subjected to the same treatment in to-day's official *Provinzielle Zeitung* as was awarded to them in my yesterday's letter.

Le Nord (says the Ministerial organ), in its issue Nos. 229 and 230, has given publicity to certain communications respecting the results of the Teoplitz interview, and the agreements said to have been reiterated included. The same communications have been refuted by many other papers.

For the enlightenment of those unacquainted with the situation of Europe, to characterise these allegations, each and every part of them, as the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE GLENDALOUGH CHURCH EDUCATION SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1859.

Your committee never met the members of your society under feelings of deeper responsibility than they do upon the present occasion.

Properly speaking, we are assembled to give a report of our proceedings during the year 1859; but we cannot on this our proceedings during the year 1859; but we cannot on this occasion, however, omit special allusion to those circumstance which have made the present the most eventful year in the history of your society.

It is with feelings of deepest thankfulness to Almighty God that we are able to report that we have not permanently closed a single school belonging to our diocesan society since our last annual meeting; and that at our committee meetings we have had no dissension, all our proceedings during the year having been unanimous. Circumstance, also, have manifested a very deep attachment to the principles of your society fested a very deep attachment to the principles of your society on the part of the Protestant laity of a portion of your diocese. Your committee are rejoiced to be able to make this statement to you. The controversy which has raged elsewhere has been stayed; there unknown. They can, on this account, the more coolly review its progress.

Now, in the first place, we desire very earnestly to disclaim any desire to embarrass her Majesty's Government in refusing for avail ourselves of the so-called National System of Education. It is, and it ever has been, our very earnest desire to render any assistance in our power in the great work of educating the people. From principle we desire, on all occasions, to render respect and obedience to the powers that be; and in educating the people, it would be our highest delight harmoniously to co-operate with the State. We have no object to gain in trying to thwart the Government plan. We are influenced by no political feelings. It is not with the view of turning any party out of power, or putting any party into power, that for twenty-one years we have consistently followed the course we have done. Supporting schools, too, is no easy task. We can assure you, that for many a year we have felt it to be a grievous burden, and that all the members of your committee would only be too happy to receive assistance from the State, if their conscience would only allow them to close with the terms which have been offered. And it is no pleasant task to turn, as we have done, mendicants. Much more agreeable would it be for us, each in his own peculiar sphere of duty, to pursue the even tenour of his way, than to assemble you here and to beg of you to help us in providing schools. It would be an easier course, by much, to send an application to the commissioners in Dublin, to receive in return the Government grant.

Previous to the year 1831, the Government only assisted schools in which the Bible was read. It made use, principally, of the Kildare-place Society in distributing its grants. It was the rule of this society that all the children attending its schools were to be instructed in the Scriptures, but the version might be either the Douay or the Authorised, and the master might be either Protestant or Roman Catholic. The agreement was allowed on the portion of Scripture read, and no catechism was used in its schools.

But, in the year 1831, the Government gave way to withdraw from this and from other education societies, and the present system of the National District was established.

The commissioners who reported to Government on the subject of education in the year 1827 advised that the parochial schools should be maintained in efficiency by the State; that in these the Bible should form the basis of education; and that schools, similar in principle to the present National Schools, should supplement these; giving thus a choice to the people whether they desired their children to be instructed in the Scriptures or not.

But this was not the system which the Government adopted. They had previously made no grants except to those schools in which the Bible was daily used as a necessary book in the instruction of the children; but they now declared this to be a vital "defect," and from that time to the present they have refused to give any assistance to any school in which the Bible is made a necessary part of the instruction. Mr. Stanley's letter, establishing the board, and which has been styled its Magna Charta, stated very explicitly that the objection to former systems was because "the reading of Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, was peculiarly obnoxious to a Church which denies even to adults the right of unaided private interpretation in articles of religious belief."

The system of education existing is not, indeed, Lord Stanley's system. It is in some respects a much more objectionable one. His system, however we may differ from it, was, at least, a system of united education; the present one is united only in name. Except in its model schools, or in a few vested schools, in three provinces, at least, there is nothing at all approaching to united education.

Now, we need scarcely remind you that our great objection to the system has been that it does not give to God's Word its rightful place of paramount authority. God has not only given us a revelation of Himself, but He has directed that children should be instructed in it. He Himself declares that "thou shalt teach My Words diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

But, during school hours, the patron of a National School cannot instruct the children in God's Word. He may, indeed, teach such of them as choose to remain when school is over, or such of them as choose to come to school singing, but not during the hours of united instruction. They must learn all other branches of knowledge, save that which is the most important of all: it alone is restricted.

Now, your committee do not wish to compel any one, adult or child, to read the Bible; but what they object to is that, within their own schools, they should be asked to give pledges at variance with what they believe to be their bounden duty. It is not merely that they are not allowed to instruct the children who are in their schools in the Word of God, but that they should daily see these children do dishonour to God's Holy Word, by leaving the school when it is about to be read, and yet that, by solemn compact, they should be hindered from inviting them to read it, or from addressing one single word of warning or reproof to those who were thus sinning against their own souls. Can such a pledge, your committee would ask, be lawfully given by any faithful Protestant? Can such a pledge, above all, be taken by any Protestant minister, who, in the most solemn hour of all his life, had bound himself, in the presence of God and of His congregation, to be "ready to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word"?

Nor can your committee draw a line of separation between religious and secular knowledge. We can, indeed, teach arithmetic, and algebra, and grammar, without any allusion to religion, but, certainly, neither history nor morality. The children cannot be taught in a National School that there was such an event as the Reformation, and from our version of the commandments we must erase the second; while, if we teach the eighth in a Roman Catholic school, it must be without opening the Romish distinction between mortal and venial sin. We differ from the Roman Catholic Church, not merely on questions of doctrine, but on the very first principles of Christian morals.

Anyone, therefore, as we have always been to co-operate with the Government in endeavouring to educate the young, we have not been able to put our schools in connection with the National Board.

And we, in this diocesan society of Glendalough were for many a year in a position peculiarly painful, because on this question we were placed in apparent antagonism to one whom we have always both respected and loved—the Prelate who for so many years has presided over this diocese.

Your committee need scarcely tell you that the controversy which has been carried on for so many years was revived with even greater ardour than ever at the commencement of this year. There has been this peculiarity about it, that it has been stirred by some of those who, up to the present time, have been its warmest friends. To no one, for many a year, was the cause of the Church Education Society more indebted than to the Primate. Your Committee have long looked up to him with feelings of respect and of love. They have, therefore, the more to regret the course which he took in the beginning of this year, when he recommended those of his clergy whose schools were in a languishing condition to put them in connection with the Board of National Education. Your committee are satisfied that this was done by his Grace with the best and purest motives; but they must also add, that in their judgment it was a mistake to give such advice, and that, had it been at all extensively followed, it would have been most detrimental, not only to the interests of the Church Education Society, but to the welfare of the Church of Ireland. The clergy and laity who have supported the Church Education Society have, almost without exception, always declared that they did it upon principle, but merely because they deemed the Church Education Society system better, but because they could not conscientiously connect their schools with the National Board.

Your committee are rejoiced to be able to say that the very agitation of this question which has been called out by the Primate's letter has been attended with the greatest benefit to the society. The laity have taken a much deeper interest in its affairs—its income has been so flourishing, and we trust that the issue of the controversy has only been to shew how very deeply the Church Education Society for Ireland is loved and cherished by sound-hearted Protestants.

Our parochial schools have proved Protestant, and if we desire that the cause of Protestantism should flourish in Ireland, we shall take care that they continue so. Your committee would desire to remind you that we are placed in a peculiar position in this country—a minority amidst much larger numbers of Roman Catholics; and that there must ever be a tendency in a smaller religious body to be swallowed up by the larger. Nor can we conceal it from ourselves that there is very much in Romanism which commends itself to our fallen nature. If our pure religion is, therefore, to be upheld in it, it can only be by our people being brought up from youth in a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

Very earnestly, therefore, do we appeal to all the Protestants in our diocese to aid us liberally in supporting our schools in efficiency. We know that the cause we advocate is dear to their hearts; let them not grudge to give to it of their substance. It would require only a very small subscription from each one to place our schools in a state of admirable efficiency. To the respectable farmers and yeomanry of our country we more especially appeal. It is for the benefit, peculiarly, of their children that this society is labouring, and we tell them that it is impossible to provide good schools unless we are prepared to pay good salaries to teachers, and unless we supply the schools sufficiently with books and requisites. We can have no immediate hope of any permanent assistance. The hardship which we have borne so long we must be prepared to bear longer still. The Government, so far from making any concession to the Protestants of Ireland, so far from shewing any desire to welcome their lost converts, are determined to make the system more Romish still. They are to contribute more liberally than ever to nunnery-schools; they are about to alter the School-books to make them more acceptable to the Romish bishops; and, lastly, they have agreed to increase very largely the Romish element in the board, so that they are to be as numerous as all other denominations together upon it. They will be, in fact, dominant. This is to be the system which we are invited to join.

The fact is, statesmen of all parties seem anxious to treat our country as if it were Romish. They imagine that they will thus purchase the political support of the Roman priesthood.

We have thought it necessary, at this peculiar crisis of the society, to dwell at greater length than usual upon the principle at stake. But, while we desire very plainly to state our sentiments upon the question, we at the same time would be very reluctant to those who differ from us. It is far from being our desire to impute bad motives to those who have taken a different view of duty from what we have, or from what they themselves did formerly. We think them, therefore, mistaken; we have not the right, nor have we the wish, to say more than this. Your committee regret that they must pass more rapidly than usual over the proceedings of your diocesan society. You are aware that its operations are confined over only a limited district, compared to many other diocesan societies—viz.—The sixteen parishes lying along the sea coast from Bray to Arklow. In these we have altogether twenty-five schools, and for the support of these there was subscribed in the different localities a sum of £614 8s. 6d. There are also within the diocese, we believe, three schools, on the foundation of Erasmus Smith, and one school supported by the Incorporated Societies, whose schools are carried on in the same principles as our own. There are also those few parochial schools, and several private schools, unconnected with any society, but managed, as we hear, precisely as ours. We believe there is no parish school in our diocese under clerical patronage, connected with the National Board. And we believe that there are not twenty Protestants attending National Schools within our diocese.

We are also happy to be able to say that our schools are generally reasonably efficient, and, with only one or two exceptions, we feel confident that they are superior, even as regards secular instruction, to the National Schools in our neighbourhood. At one time we had nearly as many Roman Catholics attending them as Protestants. This is no longer the case. We had 207 children on the roll last year, and of these between 80 and 90 were Roman Catholics.

We hold yearly an examination of the masters of the diocese in a prescribed course; the subjects of the examination are both secular and religious. The attendance this year was not quite so large as usual, but the answering was considered by the committee very satisfactory. The Rev. Henry Rooke kindly delivered the usual address at its conclusion.

Your committee have assisted with grants of money the schools of Rathnew, Killiskey, Ballinatone, and Conmorree, to the amount of £5 each. They have contributed £8 to the school of Cronroe, and they have promised to grant £7 per annum to the schools of Duralesonry. These grants have been limited, not because the schools required no more, but because we had no more money to grant.

Your committee rejoice, therefore, to be able to tell you that they have been able to do something to promote the cause of Scriptural education in connection with the Church of Ireland. They very earnestly hope for the future to be able to do much more. They feel quite confident that the Protestants of this district are able to support efficient schools, if they only make an earnest effort.

We propose to hold parochial meetings, to bring the subject before our people, and to endeavour to improve our schools. Let all of us give according to our ability, the rich of their riches, the poor of their poverty, not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And let us all pray earnestly to our Heavenly Father, that ever within our schools God's Word may retain its rightful place of paramount authority, that religion may leaven all our studies, and that our children may be trained for eternity as well as time.

For the last two years we regret to say that our schools have not been inspected by a professional inspector, owing to the poverty of the central society. The schools, however, were inspected by members of this committee; a few of them, owing to unavoidable causes, were not visited.

Your committee hope that this will never occur again, as a professional inspector has again been appointed for the diocese of Dublin and Glendalough.

Your committee have £20 in hands to distribute as premiums to the masters, as soon as the inspection is completed.

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.

There was nothing in Sir Charles Wood's speech on the Indian Budget which afforded so much satisfaction to Parliament and to the public as the announcement that it is the fixed policy of the present Government to uphold the native states, and to elevate the native gentry of India, and that this policy is now being consistently wrought out in practice. The opposite course has been tried, and after long trial it has proved to be unsuccessful, as it was ungenerous. It has still its supporters; and strange to say, among men of experience and reputation. But the policy which the Malcolms and Munros, the Elphinstones and Metcalfs, the Robertsons and the Clerks, were not ashamed to profess has been re-inaugurated by the present Government, and is now again on the ascendant. Lord Canning has thrown himself into it earnestly, vigorously, with his whole heart; and the British Government, under a Conservative and under a Liberal chief, has adhered to it with equal resolution.

This is not a mere theory, a mere sentiment. Already there are some substantial facts to mark the progress of the beneficent change. The first of these is a series of durbars held by Lord Canning, in the course of his viceregal progress through Upper and Central India. At these durbars, the Governor-General, after publicly thanking the princes and chiefs who had supported and remained faithful to the British Government during the recent crisis, not only conferred on them, in public acknowledgment of their services, great honours and rewards, but in many instances assured them that their houses would be perpetuated, and that in the event of failure of direct heirs, the chiefship would not be withheld from them by the paramount State. They would be permitted to nominate their successors, in accordance with the religious tenets of their sect, and the traditionary usages of their family. And that which was on these great public occasions accorded as a privilege or as a reward to the loyal, has since been made a matter of right, in some shape, of an assurance to the many; and the right of adoption, which has so often in modern times been refused by the paramount State, is henceforth to be guaranteed to all the princes and chiefs who would have enjoyed it under native sovereignty. The arbitrary decisions of recent years have done much to unsettle native minds. No one, whatever his status among the princes of India, felt any security that, after his death, his territory and his title would remain with his house. There was a continual fear of what, in official parlance was called a "lapse." But now there are to be no more "lapses." The reign of absorption and annexation is at an end. The British Raj is no longer to open its voracious jaws, and to swallow, on the first favourable occasion, every lesser principality.

But this, although a great part, is by no means the whole, of the policy of restoration. For many years our system had tended to the depression of the native aristocracy. A silent war had been waged against the great landholders of the country. The British Raj, upholding the proprietary rights of the village communities, we had, in too many instances, degraded and impoverished the talookdars and zemindars, regarding them as interlopers and usurpers, and altogether as a class whose combined existence would be subversive of the general happiness of the people. We have only lately in an hour. Let him provide himself with four or five our own mind, and in our own country, been very able and very excellent men conscientiously supported this system. How this strong feeling against the territorial aristocracy sprung up in high places it would not be difficult to explain. But we have here to do only with its results. That the native gentry have, for some years past, been systematically degraded in Upper India is a fact which cannot be questioned. We believe it to have been a great mistake; and as such it is now regarded. The policy of the present Government is to elevate the classes so recently depressed. Not only have they in many instances been reinstated in their own territorial position, but some important experiments have been made, with the object of securing their loyalty and attachment to the British Government, and at the same time of raising them in the eyes of their fellow-countrymen. In Oude and in the Punjaub some of the principal talookdars and sirdars have been associated with the officers of our Government in the work of administration. They have been invested with magisterial and fiscal authority within the limits of their several estates. It has long been the fashion to assume that those men are wholly unfit to exercise authority of any kind; that they have a low moral sense; that they are selfish to the core; and that their decisions are sure to be of an arbitrary and capricious character, regulated by no standard of law and no dictates of justice. Men of this kind are very much what we are pleased to make them. To assume their incompetency is to make them incompetent. A year or two ago, they might fairly have pleaded that they had not been tried. But they are now put upon their trial. The experiment, so far as it has yet been tried in Oude, has been remarkably successful. The *Friend of India*, a journal which has hitherto supported, with remarkable consistency and ability, the Dalhousie policy, which is now being reversed, and may, therefore, on such a point be accepted as a most unprejudiced witness, says, in an article on "The New Aristocracy," that "the success of the talookdar experiment in Oude justifies the extension of the policy." "They have generally provided themselves," it is added, "with assistants or assessors conversant with the laws which it is their duty to apply and enforce. The appeals against their decisions to the European officials have been unexpectedly few. As chieftains who possess estates before which the lands of the English nobility appear more paddocks, they have enemies both numerous and acute, yet even Maun Singh has so carefully exercised his new powers, that within the last four months only three appeals have been made against his decisions, and these for very trivial exactions. The policy which created the wealthy reminders of Bengal, and which, in an extended form, has hitherto proved to be so successful in Oude, has now been introduced into the Punjaub. It will solve the great difficulty of our administration —the creation of a native aristocracy, at once the reward of loyalty and the outlet of ambition." For "creation" the Indian journalist ought to have written "*re*-creation." The policy which we have indicated is essentially restorative. What we give we give back. The new policy is but a revival of the old, which had been temporarily obscured; the new school only the return of the old, which had been thrust from the Portico for a season.—*The Homeward Mail.*

BRITISH MERCANTILE SHIPPING.

The report from the Select Committee on Merchant Shipping affords what must be deemed, on the whole, a fair and temperate view of the grievances complained of by our shipowners. But it goes further. It traces some of these complaints to the tendency, natural enough, though often very troublesome to States, of men who suffer much from several causes to saddle all their suffering upon any single cause, however trifling, in which the agency of the Government can be traced. It is not possible, if the report now before us be worthy of implicit reliance, wholly to exonerate from a charge of neglect the successive Governments which, during the last ten years, have been charged with the conduct of the negociation with the other maritime Powers of the world tacitly opened by our unreserved repeal of the Navigation Laws in 1849. By the very terms of the act we declared our expectation that other nations would reciprocate the liberality it was intended to display; and as the event has indicated the method by which, in the event of disappointment, we might be induced to return partially to our ancient policy. Other nations have not met us with like liberality; though it can hardly be doubted that in withdrawing the concessions we have made we should injure ourselves as well as those we might thus punish, and it is tolerably clear that these nations are themselves the chief sufferers from their own blindness or perversity; yet is there also some reason for believing that we have not done all we might have done to induce the desired reciprocity, short of a retreat upon our own footsteps.

The first fact with which the committee had to deal was the one whence their appointment arose—that for some three years past the merchant shipping of the United Kingdom has been in a state of great depression." This there was no denying; but about its causes there was, and there still is, some difference of opinion.

We all know, that immediately after the Navigation Laws were repealed came a time of great prosperity for the shipping interest. We met a host of new rivals in the market; but the market was in a very unusual condition. In 1848 gold was discovered in California, and in 1850 in Australia; and a vast quantity of shipping at once found, in the consequent extension of trade, fresh and lucrative employment. The ship-builders got to work in all directions. Additional capital was poured into the trade, larger and more costly ships were built; and, the profits continuing large, men who never had been, and never ought to have been shipowners, rushed into it. This went on for about three years. The tide of speculation was just on the turn, and a smash impending, when, in 1854, the war with Russia broke out, and the demand for freights took off the surplus shipping, and ran up the rates of freight to a level so high that the profits of some shipowners, at that time, are now described by the committee as fabulous." But in 1856 the war ended; and the transports were turned adrift to find employment in the ordinary channels of trade. Those channels were already full enough, and the ship-builders, with their eyes upon the past, were reckless hard to send in new ships. So in 1857-8-9 two shipowners were often running after one cargo, and the successful competitor became so sometimes only at a dead loss, and seldom at a remunerative profit.

The supply everywhere was excessive. But partly, also, the supply in British ports was foreign; and in some instances the engineer had, and still has materials advantage. A British vessel trying at Calcutta, and offering to take a cargo to Europe at 30s. a ton, may not get it; and yet the same cargo may be shipped in a French vessel, lying alongside, for the same destination, at 40s. or 50s. a ton. The Frenchman, having free entry of his own ports, and (thanks to the Act of 1849) to ours too, can, on arriving home and calling for orders, land his cargo in either country with equal advantage. The Englishman must either land it in one of his own ports, or pay, in extra dues, more than the difference of freight. It is true that this difference must ultimately assume the shape of a tax on the French consumers of the cargo. We should not raise the freight by the English vessel did we not do so compel the utmost reduction, capriciously on the part of the French Government. We should only bring down the French owner to the same level, and reduce the selling value of the cargo in the French market. Yet such a comparison of two vessels, loading alongside, in a British colony, has been, and still is, a fact startling to the British shipowner immediately concerned, and, in their estimation, strongly condemnatory of British statesmanship. To take the other course, and by excluding all but British vessels from our colonial ports, raise, though only for a time, British rates of freight, is, to say the least, not expedient; and if we thought it so, it is certain the colonies would differ with us.

Another disturbing cause—and all disturbance of the arrangements of any trade means suffering for somebody—is the growing competition of steam with sailing vessels. As fast as steamers can be substituted with advantage, they are so; and the owners of the discarded vessels are left to shift for themselves. Occasionally this coal-carrying trade is now given to steamers; and as a hundred tons under steam is equal to five hundred under canvas, the tonnage thus displaced is enormous. Here, however, steam reciprocates. The long steam-routes create a new demand for coal-carriers. We are told that the Peninsular and Oriental Company alone employ annually, in this way, 530 vessels, averaging upwards of 680 tons each, and navigated by 13,000 seamen. But steam does not always reciprocate; and there is no disputing the fact, that the British owner of sailing ships has, during the last three or four years, suffered much from the competition of the British owner of steam-ships.

But, thrust out in so many quarters, he is the less inclined to tolerate silently any thrusting out that is palpably not just, or not necessary. He does not want to stay the progress of steam navigation, or the growing preference for larger and better built vessels, but he does think that, at the end of ten years of free trade on our side, other maritime nations should at least be called upon, with the urgency, to give to us what we have so long and so freely given to them. And the following passage in the report is not calculated to assure him that even the little a Government can do for him, in this way, has been fairly attempted:—

"Your committee regret to inform your honourable House that their representations have been unsatisfactory to the Foreign Office, nor, indeed, of the Board of Trade, that specific information respecting the tariffs of foreign Powers, and especially of differential dues levied in European ports on British shipping, or upon goods carried in British ships, upon which alone a correct idea can be formed of the obstructions to our commerce which now exist, and of the best means of removing them, and they recommend that immediate steps should be taken to remedy this deficiency. Though ten years have elapsed since the navigation laws were repealed, the Government is still officially unaware of the nature and extent of the restrictions to which we are subjected in foreign ports; that knowledge, with such rules or regulations which affect international intercourse, your committee consider, ought to have been in the possession of the executive, and could easily have been obtained through the medium of our consular agents abroad. That the necessary information has been collected by the Foreign Office and communicated to the Board of Trade, your committee are of opinion that the diplomatic action of a powerful and commercial country like Great Britain might have been, under the direction of an able Minister of Foreign Affairs, prudently and advantageously employed in pressing upon foreign Powers the adoption of the free trade policy in navigation, with a view to ensure by a closer bond of interest the political relations which already happily subsist by international treaty. Your committee are of opinion that no country which enjoys the benefits of an unrestricted navigation with Great Britain and her vast territories, together with the incalculable benefits of her free trade with countries in every part of the habitable globe, can, for a moment, run the risk of jeopardising these advantages, rather than cede a share of that domestic and colonial trade and navigation, which they still withhold with a commercial jealously unworthy of enlightened nations."

We are sorry that the Government have thought it necessary, because of recent circumstances, to introduce and pass into a law the Religious Emblems' Bill. Such is the absurdity of its provisions that Roman Catholics may be prosecuted for displaying the cross upon their chapels, convents and schools; and Protestants may be prosecuted for wearing a flower in the button-hole; while both alike are liable to prosecution for innocently whistling a tune at which another may choose to take offence. Not even the inside of a man's house is sacred any longer. Should the "green immortal shamrock" or the golden marigold be displayed over the mantelpiece on Patrick's Day or the Twelfth of July, the ill-adjusted spectacles of personal spleen may transform the act into a political offence punishable by law. Such legislation as this will never produce harmony between rival sects, or bring peace to society generally. It is bad policy to make that a crime in law, which is not a crime in morals.—*Leitrim Gazette.*

IRISH POLITICS.

For a brief period the voice of political agitation was comparatively quiet in Ireland; and during those halcyon days the country seemed to make rapid progress in material prosperity. Crime diminished from year to year, and there was some prospect that jails and poor-houses would soon be available for other and far different purposes than those to which they are now applied. But the events of the last week suggest the melancholy thought, that Ireland is about to become again a vast battle-field of political and party strife.

There was the unfortunate riot at Derrymacash, where human blood was poured out in such plentiful libations at the demon shrine of party. Passing on to Belfast we witness the strange spectacle of a Protestant bishop inhibiting a clergyman of his own church from preaching in the diocese because of his decided Protestantism. Passing on to the "Maiden City," as its inhabitants love to call it, we discover another Protestant bishop there prohibiting the customary display of flags from the tower of the cathedral on the anniversary which ought to be dear to the heart of every loyal citizen of Derry and of every loyal subject of her majesty. And then, glancing at Enniskillen, we discover the judge of assize—the representative, for the time being, of the Sovereign—and the grand jury of the county, at issue as to the celebration of another festival commemorative of events which placed her Majesty's Royal line upon the throne of these realms.

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DOWN AND CONNOR AND DROMORE CHURCH EDUCATION SOCIETY.—The great cause of Scriptural education, as maintained by this valuable society, was advocated lately in the churches of Warrenpoint and Clonallon, and in the able and impressive sermons preached by the Rev. Robert Hannay, curate of Moira. The sum collected in the church of Clonallon was £5 8s., and in the church of Warrenpoint, £6 10s.—*Belfast News-Letter.*

SYMPATHY WITH GARIBALDI.—On Thursday afternoon a public meeting was held at the London Tavern, in aid of a fund for Garibaldi; Mr. Rose in the chair. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, read letters of apology for non-attendance from Sir James Duke, M.P., and Sir Charles Napier. He proceeded to state that they wanted the brave Garibaldi to know that England sympathised with the cause of Italian freedom, and was willing to assist that cause. (Cheers.) An appeal had been made to Englishmen for help, and we should be base if we did not respond to it. (Hear.) Our Government was pledged to non-intervention, therefore, we should not let other foreign nations interfere, but say to Austria, "hands off Italy." (Cheers.) After addresses from various speakers, resolutions were carried with great cheering, to the effect that it was necessary for the prosperity of Italy, and the peace of Europe, that the people of Italy should be emancipated from the galling tyranny of the Bourbon rule. A committee having been appointed to carry out the object of the meeting the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—*London Express.*

DUBLIN WATER WORKS COMMISSION.

Mr. Hawksbaw, the commissioner, continued his inquiry yesterday, at the usual hour.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Lambert, Reynolds, Campbell, Hudson, Mackey, and Moylan; Dr. Gray, Mr. Chambers, Mr. French, Mr. Durdin, Mr. John Martin, and other members of the Corporation, were present.

Mr. Hawksley's examination was resumed. He first gave in the results of several analyses of water, made since 1854, also a report of Dr. Donovan in reference to spongilla. Mr. Hawksley said that spongilla were not peculiar to Dublin, and that they abounded in other places. They were, for instance, found in the New River in London, and in several localities in that city, where he had seen some one inch and a half in length. He understood that they extended down half a mile from the reservoir of this city, but he had not seen them himself at that distance. It was only of late years that they had made their appearance, and were first noticed about the same time as the American weed, but there was no accounting for them. It was uncertain, too, whether they were animal or vegetable or animal substances. Mr. Hawksley then handed in a communication from Mr. Hawksley, dated 3rd September, 1858, in reference to the Vartry scheme, and alluded to the question of filtration. It had been stated during the inquiry that the cost of filtering would amount to £150 per million gallons, but that was not a fact. To his own knowledge it fell again to one one-hundredth of that amount, and a similar effect is seen on a much larger scale in regard to the country. Our railroads now bring weekly on excursion trips, or on visits of short or long stay, thousands of our farming and business people to Dublin. My opportunities enable me to say that I hear among them frequently the remark, that the city pipe water of Dublin, and brandy or whiskey is added as a corrective, and very often by men and women, too, for the first time. The taste is acquired, the habit is established, and the hitherto temperate country liver returns home a dram-drinker, to injure himself by his habits and others by his example.

We must, therefore, take into account, not only the purity of water, as tested by chemistry, but its gratefulness, as tested by the palate. I have seen it stated by some writers of high position, in the late water controversy, that they think the present water supplied to the city is very good drinking water, palatable, &c. I feel it has been a most invidious and instructive one to ask some of those how often in the day do they taste the present pipe water, and how far is their palate, at the time, capable of appreciating it. Not at breakfast, when high-flavoured tea and broiled ham interfere. It is scarcely ever tasted at midday, when the hard-working man must drink it in large quantities to supply the waste of perspiration. It is not often tasted to support muscular strength. Seltzer, or soda water, or beer, or wine and water at dinner is drunk, or plain water is taken with or after articles of food that leave the palate incapable of judging. In the evening the opportunities are not more favourable for palate testing. But, can we take our experience from the working people of our city? I think not, for after the three last years inhaling bad air, or drinking vile water, are not competent to judge of pure air and pure water. But we can get the test we want in the judgment of the thousands of our country visitors; and this, without an exception as far as I know, is as I have stated above.

"I fear I must have tired you with this long letter, and you will say I might have spared you the trouble of the canal water, and have said nothing in reference to the *Liffey* scheme, as proposed last year—have I any other source to suggest? I have not; I am not competent to offer any suggestion; but I cannot think that, with granite mountain ranges within a few miles of our city, it would be difficult to obtain a supply of water that would be wholesome and palatable, and fit for our manufacturing purposes. In principle, I believe water collected on our granite peaks, or flowing over or through granite, would be well aerated, palatable for drinking, and free from hardness for our manufacturing purposes. I hope you will have the advantage of examining Mr. Jukes, professor of geology, and director of the geology of the ordnance survey of Ireland. I should attach very great value, indeed, to his opinions, for he possesses an intimate, scientific, and practical knowledge of every hill and valley round Dublin.

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"I will ask your attention, in conclusion, to one matter; perhaps it may be more properly considered as of detail in legislation. I think it was contemplated in a former bill to lay down water-pipes into every house inhabited by the working classes who occupy houses in tenements, and thus bring an ample supply of water within the reach of all. I fear this would never be practicable. Independently of this many legal difficulties that would interfere to prevent the enforcement of any compulsion on the proprietors of such houses, there would remain this practical difficulty, that unless the water were carried into every room in a house, it would be useless for all, except the tenant of the room, cellar, or yard, to which the pipe was introduced, for the tenants of the other tenements could not have access to it. For these reasons I should be desirous of seeing numerous fountains erected in all our crowded localities inhabited by the poorer classes, so that every inhabitant might obtain, from these the pure water, and a similar effect is seen on a much larger scale in regard to the country. Our railroads now bring weekly on excursion trips, or on visits of short or long stay, thousands of our farming and business people to Dublin. My opportunities enable me to say that I hear among them frequently the remark, that the city pipe water of Dublin, and brandy or whiskey is added as a corrective, and very often by men and women, too, for the first time. The taste is acquired, the habit is established, and the hitherto temperate country liver returns home a dram-drinker, to injure himself by his habits and others by his example.

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